

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-11 and 16-22 are currently pending.

Claims 1-11 and 16-22 have been provisionally rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 7,670,314 and claims 1-38 of U.S. Patent No. 7,637,891.

While Applicants do not agree that the present claims are not patentably distinct from those of the cited patents, to expedite prosecution, submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which is believed sufficient to remove the obviousness-type double patenting rejections. The filing of a Terminal Disclaimer simply serves the statutory function of removing the rejection for double patenting and raises neither presumption nor estoppel on the merits of rejection. *Quad Environmental Technologies v. Union Sanitary District*, 20 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1392 (Fed. Cir. 1991). It is therefore submitted that the obviousness-type double patenting rejections have been overcome, and withdrawal of the provisional rejections is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

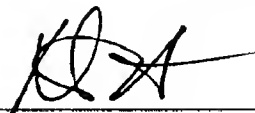
It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Examiner's rejections and places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-11 and 16-22 is respectfully requested.

Applicants would appreciate a telephone call should the Examiner have any questions or comments with respect to this response.

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